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SUBJ: 18TH FAO CONFERENCE - PLENARY STATEMENTS OF PANAMA,
CUBA AND ALBANIA

1.. THE DELEGATES OF PANAMA,CUBA AND ALBANIA WERE AMONG
THOSE WHICH ADDRESSED MORNING PLENARY NOV. 17. PANAMA,WHICH
REPORTEDLY CAME TO ROME WITH ORDERS TO INTRODUCE RESOLUTION
CONCERNING CANAL,WAS PRESSED BY DIRECTOR-GENERAL ELECT AND
COUNCIL INDEPENDENT CHAIRMAN TO CONFINE HERSELF TO STATEMENT
CONCERNING PANAMANIAN FEELING RE CANAL.PLACING HER VIEWS
IN AGRICULTURAL CONTEXT, DELEGATE OF PANAMA SAID FAILURE TO
OBTAIN CONTROL OF CANAL HAD PREVENTED PANAMA FROM MAKING GREATEST
USE OF POTENTIAL LAND AND WATER FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT.
TRADE DEVELOPMENT AND URBAN GROWTH ALSO HAD BEEN AFFECTED;
SHE CALLED PRESENCE OF US TROOPS IN CANAL ZONE AS PROVOCATIVE.
NEVERTHESS,PANAMANIAN PEOPLE DESIRE PEACE. IF NECESSARY THEY
WILL KNOW HOW TO EXPELL FOREIGN TROOPS AS DID VIETNAM. AFTER
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CALLING FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF FAO AND DECENTRALIZATION,

DELEGATE OF PANAMA PRAISED THE IMPORTANCE OF IFAD AND OFFERED PANAMA AS THE SITE OF THE NEW FUNDS HEADQUARTERS.

2. CUBAN SPEECH WAS DEVOTED ALMOST ENTIRELY TO AGRICULTURAL AND ECONOMICS WITH PLEA FOR URGENT CHANGE IN EXISTING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL STRUCTURES AND FOR ELIMINATION OF TRADE AND CUSTOMS BARRIERS. HE CITED NIEO AND THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES AS PAVING THE WAY FOR NECESSARY CHANGES. IN CLOSING HE SUPPORTED PANAMA REGARDING THE CANAL,EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE HEROIC PEOPLES OF VIETNAM, PRAISED THE PLO AND SAID HE DID NOT AGREE WITH CHILE'S PARITICIPATION IN THE FAO.

3. ALBANIA PROVIDED STRONGEST SPEECH OF MORNING SAYING IMPERIALIST SUPER-POWERS,USSR AND US,WERE TRYING TO USE PRESENT ECONOMIC SITUATION TO WIDEN DC-LDC GAP. WHILE U.S. AND SOVIETS WERE CITING SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL SUCCESSES AND SUPPORTED DETENTE, HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS REMAINED HUNGRY. NOTING FACT SOVIETS WERE FORCED IMPORT HUGE AMOUNTS GRAIN, HE STATED USSR AND US TRYING DOMINATE MARKET. SAID USSR USES PURCHASED COMMODITIES TO PRESSURE OTHER COUNTRIES. ALBANIA SAID ANY RESERVE SYSTEM MUST BE ESTABLISHED IN NON-POLITICAL BODY,OTHERWISE SUPER-POWER WILL BE APT TO RESORT TO THREATS OF BLACKMAIL. AFTER CLAIMING THE ELIMINATION OF HUNGER, POVERTY AND INFLATION IN ALBANIA, DELEGATE CRITICIZED EARLIER SEATING OF SOUTH KOREA. BEAUDRY

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